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## It's prom season: Make sure your limo is licensed with the state

March 21, 2006 - - Springtime is prom season for high school students, and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) reminds parents and students that, in addition to getting their dresses and tuxes ready for the big night, they also should make sure the limousine service they will be using is licensed with the state. Limousine operators in Michigan are required to be licensed, carry sufficient liability insurance, and undergo annual safety inspections on all their vehicles.

An advertisement in the newspaper or telephone book does not guarantee that a limousine operator is licensed and sufficiently insured. Limousine providers that are not licensed are in violation of state law and subject to fines and possible imprisonment.

To find out if the limousine service you plan to use is licensed by the state, call MDOT's Passenger Transportation Division at 517-241-0679 or 517-241-0680, or visit MDOT's Web site at <a href="www.michigan.gov/mdot">www.michigan.gov/mdot</a>. From MDOT's home page, look under "favorite links," then click on "Bus and Limo Info," and select "Current List of Carriers". If you do not see a limousine service listed, it is likely that the operator is providing service illegally and should not be hired.

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Keep Michigan families safe this winter season: Don't Crowd the Plow!